GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF ETHANOL
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation has planned to enter ethanol production and cultivation of plants like Jatropha to be used for blending with Diesel for expanding its business in bio-fuel category;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER of STATE for PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS(SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b) IOC is planning cultivation of Jatropha and other energy crops for the production of bio-diesel for blending with diesel. IOC has signed MoU with Government of Chhattisgarh on 19th November 2007 for entering into bio-diesel business in the State. In Madhya Pradesh IOC has applied for 30000 hectares of non-forest wasteland for energy crop plantation. So far 2000 hectares have been allotted.

(c) A Joint Venture Company is proposed to be formed between IOC and Government of Chhattisgarh and JVC would initiate the crop plantation in the State.